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SEMINAR ON CLIMATE CHANGE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any seminar on "Climate change and industry issues and opportunities" has been organised by the Government as reported in the Hindu dated July 14, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of discussion held therein and conclusions arrived there at; and

(c) the steps taken to bring down Green House Gas emissions?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHIR T. R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir. A conference on 'Climate Change: Issues and Opportunities' was jointly organized by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Tata Energy Research Institute and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry on July 13, 2002 at Chennai.

(b) The conference discussed various issues including climate change scenarios, projected impacts of climate change, vulnerability and adaptation, international negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Eighth Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC scheduled for 23rd October-1st November, 2002 in New Delhi and opportunities for the Indian industries arising out of the various agreements under the Convention.

(c) Steps taken by the Government that address the greenhouse gas emissions in the country include power sector reforms, promotion of renewable energy, fuel switching to cleaner energy, afforestation and conservation of forests, efficient utilization of coal, promotion of energy efficiency measures in industry, reduction of gas flaring, installation of waste heat recovery systems in the oil and power sector and better cultivar practices in the agriculture sector.